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FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG

FOLLOWING REPEAT PRETORIA 4133 ACTION SECSTATE 16 AUG 77

QUOTE

S E C R E T PRETORIA 4133

NODIS CHEROKEE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: RH, SF

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM FON MIN BOTHA

REF: EDMONSON-BOWDLER TELCON

1. PIK BOTHA CALLED AT 19:00 TO RELAY FOLLOWING:

A) THE CABINET TOOK NO DEFINITE DECISION ON THE ANGLO-AMERICAN
PACKAGE.

B) IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT OWEN AND YOUNG COME AS SOON

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AS POSSIBLE. HE REGARDS THEIR VISIT AS "ESSENTIAL AND NECESSARY"
TO REACHING SUCH A DECISION HERE.

C) BECAUSE OF VERY TIGHT SCHEDULE WHICH HE AND VORSTER HAVE
OVER NEXT WEEK, BOTHA WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
WHEN OWEN AND YOUNG CAN ARRIVE SO THAT HIS AND PM'S SCHEDULES
CAN BE ADJUSTED.

D) WITH TREPIDATION HE IS FLYING TO SALISBURY ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 18) TO SEE SMITH. IT WOULD HELP IF BEFORE THEN AN ANNOUNCEMENT COULD BE MADE ON THE DATE OF THE OWEN-YOUNG VISIT TO PRETORIA. HE DID NOT SAY SO EXPLICITLY BUT I GATHER HE WANTS TO USE SUCH AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO HOLD OFF SMITH'S PRESSURE FOR SPECIFIC BRIEFING ON LONDON TALKS.

E) BOTHA EXPRESSED HOPE THAT IDEA OF SUMMIT IS BEING ACTIVELY PURSUED AS THIS WOULD BE HELPFUL IN CONTEXT OF THE DECISION ON THE PACKAGE.

2. BOTHA WOULD NOT BE DRAWN OUT (AT LEAST OVER PHONE) ON ATTITUDES TOWARD PACKAGE IN THE CABINET SESSION. SUMMERHAYES AND I WILL TRY TO SEE HIM IN THE MORNING IN THE HOPE THAT HE WILL BE MORE FORTHCOMING IN DIRECT TALK.

3. SUMMERHAYES HAS RECEIVED SAME MESSAGE FROM BOTHA EXCEPT FOR POINT 1(E). SUMMERHAYES HAS RELAYED MESSAGE BY PHONE TO JOHN GRAHAM. I ASSUME GRAHAM IS KEEPING DICK MOOSE INFORMED BUT DEPARTMENT MAY WANT TO RELAY THIS TO MOOSE. BOWDLER.
UNQUOTE VANCE.

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